

## Understanding Charge Separation and Transfer at Interfaces in Energy Materials Paul F. Barbara (Univ. of Texas-Austin)

This EFRC will elucidate how the useful properties of materials for solar cells and batteries can be dramatically improved by controlling their molecular shape and arrangement.



Each light burst is a single molecule in a model solar cell.

## RESEARCH PLAN AND DIRECTIONS

We will use newly developed sub-ensemble techniques (including single-molecule spectroscopy and imaging) coupled with theoretical methods to answer key outstanding questions on charge separation and transfer for solar cell and battery materials.

Expected outcomes: new R&D tools, new high-performance materials and the education of a new generation of energy researchers



